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### **DHS Responses to Open Records Requests in January 2013**

On Jan. 2 the department responded to a Dec. 10 request by Peer Action Disability Support. The group wanted details of the way the nonemergency Medicaid-member transportation contract has been implemented. Some data was provided at no cost. Other data would require administrative time to locate documents and redact non-public information. The group was informed that the DHS would begin gathering the data when the department received a payment of \$288 per the department's open records policy.

On Jan. 11 the department responded to a Jan. 7 request for records from the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Council. The council wanted copies of the two highest-scoring responses to various RFPs. There was no fee.

On Jan. 18 the department responded to a Jan. 12 request from Steve Wagner of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights International of Los Angeles. Mr. Wagner wanted the top Medicaid providers of certain drugs over several years, with the data broken into several categories. Mr. Wagner was informed that the department would begin the programming work needed to respond to his request when the department received his payment of \$300 per the department's public records policy.

On Jan. 18 the department responded to a Jan. 14 request from Iowa Watchdog reporter Sheena Dooley. Ms. Dooley wanted a list of places where Family Investment Program recipients use their debit cards. The department does not have that data. FIP benefits are issued via a Visa branded debit card. Banking and privacy laws protect financial information of all bank customers – not just those receiving public benefits – from disclosure to government agencies. There are limited exceptions, such as subpoenas.

On Jan. 23 the department responded to a Jan. 22 request for records by the Iowa Association of Community Providers. The group wanted the letter of intent to hire, the RFP, the contract, amendments, and other details of regarding Optum of Eden Prairie, which has the program integrity contract for Iowa Medicaid. A link on the department's website contains the information. There was no fee.

On Jan. 24 the department responded to a Jan. 17 request for records by the BrownWinick law firm. BrownWinick wanted information regarding payments made by the state to Medicaid contractor Accenture. There was no fee.

On Jan. 30 the department responded to a Jan. 9 request by Scott Lyon of Disability Rights Iowa. Mr. Lyon wanted records regarding Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR), a federally mandated screening process to help ensure that people are not inappropriately placed in Medicaid certified nursing facilities. Mr. Lyon wanted reports from Ascend Management Innovations, Iowa's contractor for PASRR screenings. He also wanted types of services recommended per resident (de-identified) and per facility for hundreds of residents. There was no fee.